

Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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I-215 Funding Efforts Move Forward



Additional San Bernardino County Measure I monies could be used to fund the next phases of the I-215 Widening Project.

With the state undergoing an unprecedented financial crisis, the funding of transportation projects across the state has been challenging.

Specific to the I-215 Widening Project, a large portion of funding for the upcoming work from Rialto Avenue to University Drive was to come from Prop. 1B state bonds, which the state has put on hold.

As a result, SANBAG, its member agencies, and local officials, have been working diligently for months to keep the project moving forward by securing funding through other means. The project is on track to receive federal stimulus funding and the SANBAG board will be voting on using Measure I monies at the April 1, 2009 board meeting to make up the funding shortfall.

With these measures, the project is anticipated to move forward and the next phases are scheduled to begin later this year.

Every effort is being made to ensure that the project stays on course so that motorists driving through San Bernardino will have a safer, smoother drive in the near future.

Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline, **1-877-215-NEWS.**



Southbound Mill St. Off-Ramp Opens; Inland Center Drive Off-Ramp Closes

In March, construction focused on the Mill Street on- and off-ramps, leading to the completion and re-opening of the southbound off-ramp. The remaining ramps will open soon.

Crews will now concentrate on Inland Center Drive on- and off-ramps, which were closed this month and are expected to re-open by the end of 2009. In the coming months, work will continue to widen the bridge.



The Mill Street off-ramp is now open to drivers traveling southbound on I-215.

Monthly meetings between Caltrans, local merchants and emergency personnel provide construction updates and address any concerns. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at the Caltrans Annex Building at 655 West Second Street in San Bernardino at 9 a.m.

For planned lane and road closures within Phase 2, please visit the Caltrans Web site at www.caltrans8.info.

Local Businesses Open During Construction

Although construction work is spanning the southern half of I-215 through San Bernardino, businesses remain open during construction. Please be sure to consider the following businesses among others while searching for services in the City of San Bernardino:

Casual Male XL — 798 Inland Center Drive (909) 381-5058

This retailer makes shopping easy for the big and tall man by offering hard to find sizes in a wide variety of casual, dress and active wear in a user-friendly store format. Open Monday and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. www.casualmale.com

Shell Gas Station — 907 W. Mill Street (909) 889-9495

As one of the leading gasoline providers in the nation, Shell gas stations offer customers low prices everyday for their travelers. Open 24 hours. www.localshell.com

If you are within the I-215 construction area and would like to highlight your business, please contact us at 1-877-215-NEWS.



The I-215 widening project is a partnership among San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino.

